

DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgment is made in the receipt of the amendment filed May 7, 2008. The amendment is approved for entry.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 13, 14 and 16-24 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to anticipate or render obvious a method for actuating an electromechanical parking brake device, wherein the determined mean torque value (M_{park}) is controlled with regard to a lower limit value and is set to this lower limit value when it falls below this limit value; or wherein the actuator temperature difference corresponds to the difference between the actuator temperature during the first actuation of the parking brake device or the last operation the electric motor, respectively, for generating the torque (M_{park}) multiplied by the correction factor $k_{\eta} \Rightarrow 1$ and the actual actuator temperature; or wherein for releasing the parking brake device the electric motor is actuated for a predefined period of time in such a way that a torque specification $M_{\text{rel}} = k_{\text{rel}} * k_{\eta} * M_{\text{park}}$ is satisfied; or wherein for releasing the parking brake device the electric motor is operated for a predefined period of time in such a way that its maximum torque $M_{\text{rel}} = M_{\text{max}}$ is generated.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-7128.

The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesday-Friday from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi, can be reached at 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-6584.

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/Thomas J. Williams/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3683

May 30, 2008